

**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: VEHICLE CONTROL METHOD AND VEHICLE CONTROL APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. The vehicle control method according to claim 1, wherein the vibration is applied in at least one of the revolution direction, width direction and load support direction of the tire.
4. The vehicle control method according to claim 1, wherein the amplitude of the vibration is modulated to 1 to 2,000 % of the depth of a tread or the thickness of a top tread rubber.
5. The vehicle control method according to claim 1, wherein the frequency of the vibration is modulated to 1 Hz to 1 kHz.
6. The vehicle control method according to claim 1, wherein the frequency of the vibration is modulated to 20 Hz to 1 kHz.

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